

REMARKS

The New Claims

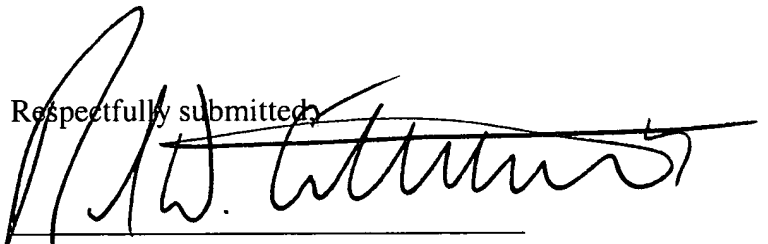
By the present response, Applicant amends the application to add new claims 32-49. Claims 32-49 are all dependent, and ultimately depend on claim 25. These new claims all further characterize the material comprising the membrane of the fuel cell of claim 25. These new claims all correspond to dependent claims which have been canceled in this response. The new claims find full support in the specification and do not expand the scope of any of claims 25-31 previously pending. As such, these new claims are all within the subject matter of the Group II claims 25-31 and are searchable therewith. No expanded search is required.

Conclusion

This response addresses all issues raised by the restriction requirement. Furthermore, this response presents additional claims which further define the scope of the invention.

Any questions or comments the Examiner may have should be directed to the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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